

Torrance, California
July 23, 1940

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, July 23, 1940 at 7:45 P.M.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Councilman Murray be appointed Mayor Pro Tem during the absence of Mayor McGuire. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. Absent: Councilmen: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 9, 1940 and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held July 16, 1940 be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Santiago Carrera, Secretary of Lodge No. 121 of the Alianza Hispana Americana of Harbor City, requesting use of the Torrance Civic Auditorium for a dance either August 17, 1940 or a Saturday between July 27 and August 17, 1940.

Councilman Powell moved that the matter be referred to the Building Committee for investigation and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Southwest District Highways Association, extending an invitation to a dinner meeting July 25, 1940 at 6:30 P.M. at the Hollywood Riviera Club, Redondo Beach.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Coordinating Council, requesting use of the Torrance Civic Auditorium each Wednesday evening during the summer season for the purpose of a weekly dance, to be in addition to the regular Friday evening dances.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the Building Committee for report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Kenneth P. Cates, Secretary of 11834-2 Technocracy Incorporated, asking the approval of the Council of display and sale of Technocracy literature at a picnic at the City Park either the last Sunday in August or the first Sunday in September.

Councilman Powell moved that the request for permission of 11834-2 Technocracy Incorporated to sell literature at a picnic at the City Park be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Shanley Oil and Gas Company, commending the Torrance Police Department for efficient work in apprehending mercury thieves who have been operating in the oil fields in this district.

A communication was read from Natural Gasoline Company, commending the work of the Police Department of the City of Torrance for cooperation which resulted in the arrest of mercury thieves operating in the Torrance oilfield.

A communication was read from the General Petroleum Corporation of California, reporting no pipe line laid under Ordinance No. 781 for the period ending June 30, 1940.

A communication was read from the Torrance Factory Frolic general committee, requesting that the tables now in use at the Municipal Park be placed in El Prado Park during the Factory Frolic September 26, 27 and 28, 1940 for serving meals to participants in the mounted rider units.

Councilman Babcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, recommending that the Torrance Municipal Band be authorized to participate in the forthcoming Los Angeles County Fair to be held in Pomona.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation be complied with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1394

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE REFUNDING OF THE INDEBTEDNESS OF ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 28 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND CONSENTING TO THE REFUNDING OF SAID INDEBTEDNESS AND THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT THEREFOR.

Attorney McCall advised he had checked the matter thoroughly.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1394 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the

following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1395

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FEEDER LINE.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1395 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Engineer Young reported he had checked the building and zoning ordinances to determine whether or not an ordinance or section of an ordinance exists which prohibits building five foot fences beyond the building setback line to the property line. He said no such regulation exists, adding that such an ordinance would be desirable.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell asked Attorney McCall for a report regarding the Pacific Electric Railway Company condemnation suit in the Cabrillo Avenue right of way matter.

Attorney McCall advised he had contacted the Title Guarantee Company, who are making an abstract for condemnation purposes, said abstract to show all the persons who have an interest in the property, and had been advised by the Title Guarantee Company that due to a great number of transfers of titles, difficulties had been encountered in completing the abstract. Attorney McCall added, however, that the Title Guarantee Company had promised the abstract this week.

Councilman Powell moved that 1 Schebler Carburetor No. SX425 for the 750 Gallon American La France fire truck at Walteria be purchased at a cost of not to exceed \$75.00, installed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Engineer Young advised he and Councilman Hitchcock had investigated the open sump holes along Hickory Avenue. He said that the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company is taking bids at this time for cleaning up the sump holes belonging to said company. However, he said, the owners of the balance of the sump holes are scattered throughout the country, some being in remote places. He offered no recommendation at this time.

Councilman Powell said he felt it to be the duty of the Council to remedy this situation and asked that the Ordinance Committee give the matter due consideration, with the thought of adopting an ordinance which would eliminate sump hole hazards within the limits of the City of Torrance.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee for report.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$164.67 be made for road material for repairs to Huntington Street. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$80.14 be made for road material for repairs to Cherry Street in North Torrance. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$5060.00 be made for one (1) Diesel Power Motor Grader. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$85.00 be made for 1 copper lined oil storage tank for City Yard. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$5542.00 be made for sponsor's share of Vista Highlands W.P.A. sewer project. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$72.50 be made for one (1) "A" frame for Dodge truck for Water Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Councilman Babcock requested that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Southern California Edison Company, advising that the proposed trespassing ordinance from said company had been received; that the City Council is awaiting receipt of a model trespassing ordinance from the League of California Cities, it being the desire of the League that the various cities adopt a uniform trespassing ordinance.

Councilman Babcock moved that the petition protesting against storage of plastering and construction equipment on portions of Lots 2 and 3 of Tract No. 7544 (2306-2308 Gramercy Avenue) be referred to the Police Department in an effort to have the matter settled to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.


ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No oral communications.

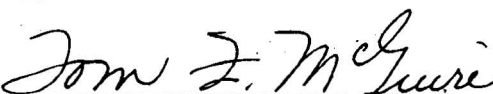
Councilman Hitchcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: McGuire.

Mayor Pro Tem Murray announced a meeting with John Shidler, the Attorney and the Civil Service Commission after adjournment of the meeting.

At 8:13 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Babcock, the meeting adjourned to August 6, 1940 at 4:30 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance